

***I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2012 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 561-31 (COR)**

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**Relative to posthumously recognizing and commending Dr. Ernesto Mercader Espaldon; and to further extending a warm *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to him for his commitment and dedicated work in serving the people of Guam throughout his professional years in the healthcare community.**

1           **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**  
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3           **WHEREAS**, Dr. Ernesto Mercader Espaldon was born on November 11, 1926,  
4 and he passed away on August 4, 2006. He married Dr. Leticia Espaldon on May 31,  
5 1952; and together they had six (6) children: Arlene, Vivian, James, Diane, Karen and  
6 Ernesto; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Dr. Ernesto Mercader Espaldon graduated from the University of  
2 Santo Tomas Medical School in 1954; and he completed his residency and training at  
3 the University of Oklahoma Medical Center, from 1954 to 1959. Dr. Espaldon  
4 competed his specialty training in Cosmetic Surgery at the St. Louis Hospital in  
5 Missouri, and he passed the American Board of Cosmetic Surgery examination. He  
6 received additional training on cosmetic reconstruction at the Washington Barnes  
7 Hospital; and he was a diplomat and fellow in the American College of Surgeons; and

8           **WHEREAS**, in 1962, Dr. Espaldon was recruited to work on Guam after  
9 Typhoon Karen devastated the island. He then established his clinic at the GCIC  
10 Building in *Hagåtña*; and

11           **WHEREAS**, Dr. Ernesto Mercader Espaldon practiced as a surgeon throughout  
12 the United States and the Philippines. In 1963, he started his biannual “Aloha  
13 Mission.” He was also given the title of “Doctor with the Heart of Gold” when he was  
14 recognized in the book, *Profiles in Excellence of Filipino Achievers in the United*  
15 *States*. In addition, Dr. Ernesto Mercader Espaldon was the first Filipino Physician  
16 delegate to the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association; and he  
17 served for three (3) terms; and

18           **WHEREAS**, Dr. Ernesto Mercader Espaldon served as a consultant of the  
19 United States Navy Regional Medical Center of Guam. He was also the President of  
20 the Guam Medical Staff at the Guam Memorial Hospital in 1965; and he had served  
21 honorably as a Senator in the Thirteenth (13<sup>th</sup>), Fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>), Fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>),  
22 Nineteenth (19<sup>th</sup>), Twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) and Twenty-First (21<sup>st</sup>) *Liheslaturan Guåhan*,  
23 where he introduced and passed legislation to address various health issues on the  
24 island; now therefore, be it

25           **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*  
26 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people

1 of Guam, posthumously recognize and commend Dr. Ernesto Mercader Espaldon; and  
2 does further extend a sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* to him for his  
3 commitment and dedicated work in serving the people of Guam throughout his  
4 professional years in the healthcare community; and be it further

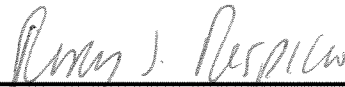
5 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
6 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
7 the same be thereafter transmitted to the family of the late Dr. Ernesto Mercader  
8 Espaldon; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY  
OF OCTOBER 2012.**



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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.**  
Speaker



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**RORY J. RESPICIO**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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